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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PAN AM CHANGE OF GAUGE

REF: (A) STATE 141925 (B) STATE 141946

- 1. AIDE-MEMOIRE TRANSMITTED IN REF. (A) WAS DELIVERED TO DE GUIRINGAUD'S CABINET (D'ABOVILLE) MORNING OF JUNE 7 UNDER COVER OF PERSONAL LETTER TO THE MINISTER FROM THE AMBASSADOR. LETTER MADE CLEAR THAT AIDE-MEMOIRE WAS RESPONSE TO DE GUIRINGAUD'S INQUIRY TO SECRETARY VANCE IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK.
- 2. SIMULTANEOUSLY, MINECON MET SEPARATELY WITH QUAI CIVIL AIR OFFICER FRANCOISE CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE WHO WAS RANKING TECHNICALLY COMPETENT OFFICIAL AVAILABLE, AND WHO LEFT GOF INTERAGENCY MEETING IN PROGRESS AT DGCA TO RECEIVE OUR DEMARCHE. MINECON CAREFULLY WENT OVER REF. (A), PARA 4 TALKING POINTS, AND SHE TOOK DETAILED NOTES ON EACH OF THESE FOUR ITEMS. CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE HAD NO IMMEDIATE SUBSTANTIVE REACTION TO OUR PRESENTALIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TION, BUT SHE COMMENTED THAT IT APPEARED TO BE A REAFFIRMATION OF THE U.S. POSITION WITHOUT SURPRISES.

3. CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE DID NOT PRESENT ARGUMENTS ALONG LINES ANTICIPATED IN REF. (A), PARA 5, AND WE THERE-FORE WERE NOT CALLED UPON TO COUNTER A CONTESTATION THAT CAB COUNTERMEASURES PLANNED ARE EXCESSIVE.

- 4. RE REF. (B): THE AMBASSADOR SAW MINISTER
 DE GUIRINGAUD ON ANOTHER MATTER DURING THE EVENING
 OF JUNE 6. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MEETING, DE
 GUIRINGAUD SAID HE HAD RECEIVED WORD ON THE JUNE 5
 COOPER/LABOULAYE TALKS, THAT HE UNDERSTOOD HIS PEOPLE
 WERE CONSIDERING "COOPER'S PROPOSALS" MADE AT THAT
 MEETING, AND THAT HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US IN A
 FEW DAYS. WITH CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE WE SIMPLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WE ARE AWARE OF THE COOPER/DE LABOULAYE
 CONTACTS.
- 5. ACTION REQUESTED: DE GUIRINGAUD'S REFERENCE TO "COOPER'S PROPOSALS" SEEMS AT VARIANCE WITH REF. (B), WHICH APPEARS TO INVOLVE NEW PROPOSAL BY DE LABOULAYE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DEPARTMENT CLARIFICATION OR FURTHER GUIDANCE. HARTMAN

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